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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: NSDD 42

John
I have recently learned that an initiative may be under way to have NSDD 42 modified so that "fact of" United States use of "satellite reconnaissance for intelligence purposes" may be confirmed at the unclassified level. I understand that the impetus for this action is a desire to accommodate former DCI Stansfield Turner who wants to make reference to such activities in a book he is writing.

The Carter administration authorized the admission of satellite photo reconnaissance during the National debate over SALT II. NSDD 42 continued the same general theme by enabling only a general admission of satellite photo reconnaissance for treaty monitoring purposes. Any further erosion of National guidelines could incur serious security discipline liabilities and lead to increased public discussion of satellite SIGINT activities. Although I am motivated primarily by NRP interests, I believe it is in the entire community's interest that we adhere to the present simple, easy to understand and interpret policy.

I urge you to resist any relaxation in NSDD 42 policy and would be pleased to discuss my views at your convenience.

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